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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-544650, published December 24, 2002 (along with an English Abstract).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-110215, published April 12, 2002 (along with an English Abstract).

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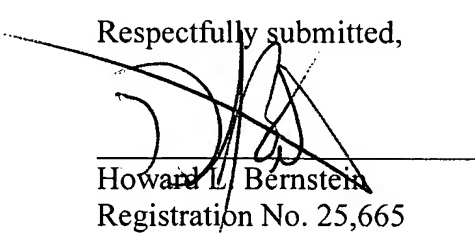
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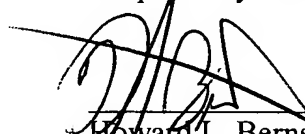
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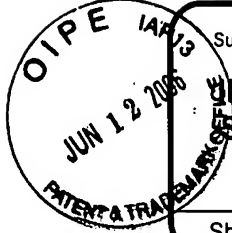
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